

Kuwait War Compensation

310. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications regarding Kuwait War Compensation are still pending with the Special Kuwait Cell of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the total number of such applications, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have sought extension of date of the application for the Kuwait compensation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) The Special Kuwait Cell is currently liaising with the UNCC for settlement of 8615 untraced claimants already approved by them. There is no new application pending. The State-wise break-up of the list of untraced claimants is given in Statement (See below). The UNCC is considering the list of traced claimants sent by the Special Kuwait Cell to UNCC for enabling settlement.

(c) and (d) The Government has on several occasions, since 1996, through official channels and through Ministerial intervention requested the UNCC Governing Council to extend the deadline of 01.01.1996 set by UNCC for acceptance of applications for the Gulf War 1990-91 compensation. However, UNCC has expressed its inability to accede to the requests of the Government of India for extension of the deadline of 01.01.1996.

Statement***List of Untraced Claimants***

State	Untraced Claimants
Andhra Pradesh	1533
Gujarat	215
Kerala	491

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State	Untraced Claimants	
Maharashtra	1030	
Orissa	16	
Punjab	396	
Rajasthan	525	
Tamil Nadu	759	
Arunachal Pradesh	1	
Assam	1061	
Goa	290	
Lakshadweep	1	
Meghalaya	2	
Pondicherry	9	
Tripura	2	
West Bengal	927	
Uttar Pradesh	1458	

Agreement with Russia

311. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether agreements have been reached with the Government of Russia in the fields of nuclear energy, oil and gas; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement in each field?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The President of the Russian Federation visited India on January 25-26, 2007 and during the visit, a Memorandum of Intent was signed between the two countries on the development of cooperation in the construction of additional nuclear power plant units at the Kudankulam site as well as in the construction of Russian design nuclear power plants at new sites in the Republic of India. In the field of oil and gas, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited and the Russian